

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT-WVND  
WHEELING, WV 26003

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

JAMES PATRICK LEWIS,

Defendant.

Criminal No.

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Violation:

18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(A)

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**INFORMATION**

The United States Attorney charges that:

**COUNT ONE**

(Federal Program Fraud)

1. West Virginia University ("WVU") is a public research university with its main campus located in Morgantown, West Virginia.

2. At all relevant times, the defendant, **JAMES PATRICK LEWIS**, was a nine-month employee of WVU in the position of a tenured, full professor within the university's physics department.

3. Beginning on or about March 28, 2018, and continuing up to on or about August 30, 2019, in the Northern District of West Virginia and elsewhere, the defendant, **JAMES PATRICK LEWIS**, being an agent of West Virginia University, a State agency, said agency receiving in the one year period beginning March 28, 2018, benefits in excess of \$10,000 under a Federal program involving a grant, embezzled, stole, and obtained by fraud, property worth at least \$5,000 that was under the care, custody, and control of such agency, that is, a release from teaching

duties equivalent to approximately \$20,189.00 in salary, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section, 666(a)(1)(A).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Powell', is written over a horizontal line.

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